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September 18, 2020

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Below you will find important federal, state and local updates from the last week curated for you in one place.

Governor Abbott issued Executive Orders [expanding occupancy levels](#) for restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms and exercise facilities and classes, museums, and libraries, and [re-authorizing elective surgeries](#) for a majority of the state of Texas. The Governor also announced new guidance related to visitations at nursing homes and long-term care facilities across the state. In addition, the Governor implemented the use of reliable, data driven hospitalization metrics used by doctors and medical experts to help guide the state's ongoing efforts to contain COVID-19 and expand occupancy for businesses and services.

Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sincerely,



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We recommend Dan Huberty for H.D. 127**



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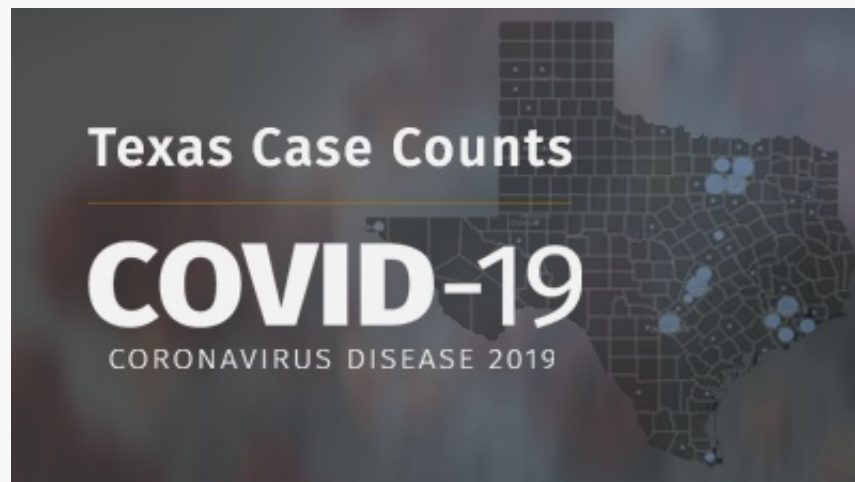
In his decade in the Texas Legislature, State Rep. Dan Huberty has emerged as a powerful voice on issues facing Texas schools and schoolchildren. The Republican lawmaker served as chair of the House Committee on Public Education and was the...

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State Updates

DSHS: COVID-19 Case Dashboard



DSHS 7-DAY COVID DASHBOARD

As of September 11, 2020

CASES

653,356

+ 22,527

OVER PAST 7 DAYS

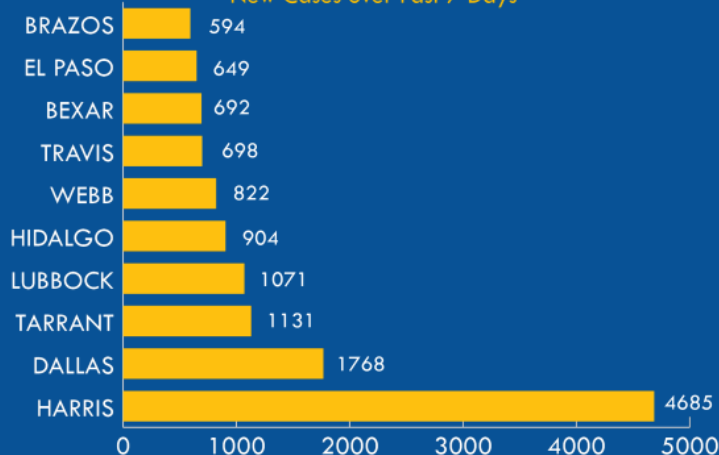
+ 3.57%

OVER PAST 7 DAYS

COUNTIES

Top 10 Counties with Highest #

New Cases over Past 7 Days



[Visit the DSHS Coronavirus Case Counts Dashboard](#)

DSHS 7-DAY COVID DASHBOARD

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CURRENT COVID-CONFIRMED PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL

3,456 -11.13%

TOTAL

OVER PAST 7 DAYS

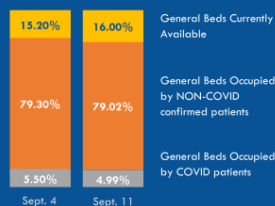
GENERAL BEDS: NON-COVID vs. COVID

2,225

GENERAL PATIENTS

- 9.33%

OVER PAST 7 DAYS



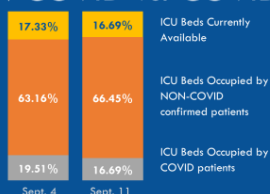
ICU BEDS: NON-COVID vs. COVID

1,198

ICU PATIENTS

- 16.86%

OVER PAST 7 DAYS



[Visit the DSHS Hospital Counts Dashboard](#)

DSHS 7-DAY COVID DASHBOARD

As of September 11, 2020

DSHS FUNDS

\$917,507,256

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

RESOURCES



5,306~
Staff Supporting
Hospitals



702
Alternate Care
Beds Secured



850+
O₂ Concentrators
Distributed



980+
Ventilators
Distributed

CONTACT TRACING



3,722
State & Local
Contact Tracers
Active



17,694
Cases/Contacts
Possible Per Day in
Texas Health Trace



48
LHEs voluntarily
supported by
Texas Health
Trace



\$61.8 M
Call Center & Staff
Expenditures for
Texas Health Trace

[Click Here to the Visit Texas Health Trace Website](#)

Governor Greg Abbott Expands Capacity for Certain Services in Texas



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WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all...

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PSA: Governor Abbott Encourages Texans To Get A Flu Shot



Governor Greg Abbott Issues Executive Order Relating to Hospital Capacity



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DSHS and TEA launch webpage with COVID-19 case data reported by Texas public schools

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Reported cases represent less than half-a-percent of students who have returned to campus. In collaboration with the Texas Education agency, the Texas Department of State Health Services today posted on the DSHS website the statewide number of...

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Texas Comptroller Announces \$300 Million in Unclaimed Property Returned in Fiscal 2020



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September 17, 2020 (AUSTIN) - The Texas Comptroller's office approved and paid \$300 million in unclaimed property claims during the past fiscal year, Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today. This is the second time the Comptroller's office has...

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House Public Education Committee Issues Requests For Information (RFIs)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and challenges in scheduling public hearings at this time, the House Committee on Public Education is conducting necessary oversight functions through an information gathering process under Section 301.014, Government Code.

This is notice that the House Committee on Public Education is seeking information and input from state agencies, interested parties, and the public in regard to the topics and questions outlined below. Submissions received in response to this request will be transmitted to members of the committee and posted on the House website.

The Committee has issued several RFIs to garner responses regarding COVID-19 and [Interim Charges](#). Each RFI can be viewed at the links below:

- **Interim Charge 1:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900001.HTM>
- **Interim Charge 2:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900002.HTM>
- **Interim Charge 3:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900003.HTM>
- **Interim Charge 4:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900004.HTM>
- **COVID-19:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900005.HTM>

Submission Guidelines

- Submissions must be in Microsoft Word, written in a 10-point font or larger.
- Please submit a separate document for each topic to which you are responding.
- Submissions are to be limited to 5 pages of text in length.
- Submissions must be submitted via e-mail to education@house.texas.gov

Please include the following information in the submission email: submitter name, organization, or entity (if applicable and an authorized representative), mailing address, email, and telephone number.

The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Comments received in response to this Request for Information will be publicly posted on TLO, TLIS, and the House website. When submitting comments, please remove any personal identifying information, such as your personal phone number, residence address, or e-mail address. In the event it becomes feasible to safely conduct a public meeting, the Committee reserves the right to hold an in-person hearing on these charges.

City of Houston & Harris County Updates

Harris County Public Health Dashboard



Harris County
Public Health
Building a Healthy Community

Harris County Voting Information, Mail In Ballot Application, Voters with Disabilities



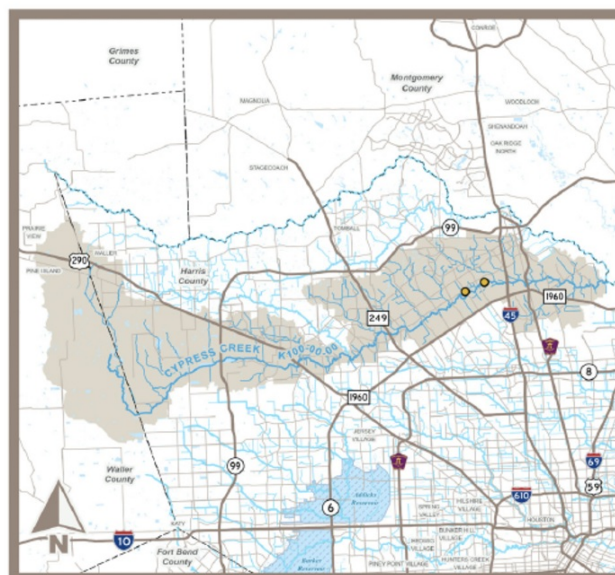
Harris Votes

Important Election Day Note: Similar to Early Voting, Harris County registered voters can vote at any Election Day polling location. Curbside Voting: Voters who are physically unable to enter the polling location without a personal assistance or...

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H.D. 127 Updates

Virtual Community Engagement Meeting for Stormwater Detention Basin Projects in the Cypress Creek Watershed



In an effort to keep you informed about upcoming activity in the Cypress Creek watershed, we are sharing updates on the T.C. Jester and Westador Stormwater Detention Basins, which are both included in an application for CDBG-MIT program funding.

As part of the overall Cypress Creek Implementation Program, the Harris County Flood Control District is exploring two projects in the Cypress Creek watershed: the T.C. Jester Stormwater Detention Basin and the Westador Stormwater Detention Basin. Both projects are included in an upcoming application for CDBG-MIT program funding. While these projects are in the early stages, their purpose is to construct stormwater detention basins along the main stem of Cypress Creek, which will work to reduce flooding risks and damages during heavy rain events.

As part of the application process, the Flood Control District invites you to participate in a **virtual information session on Tuesday, September 22 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Please visit PublicInput.com/CypressCreekBasins to learn more and register for the session. The session will be hosted in English. Requests for interpreters or other communications needs should be made at least 48 hours in advance by calling 346-286-4152.

Register for the Virtual Meeting

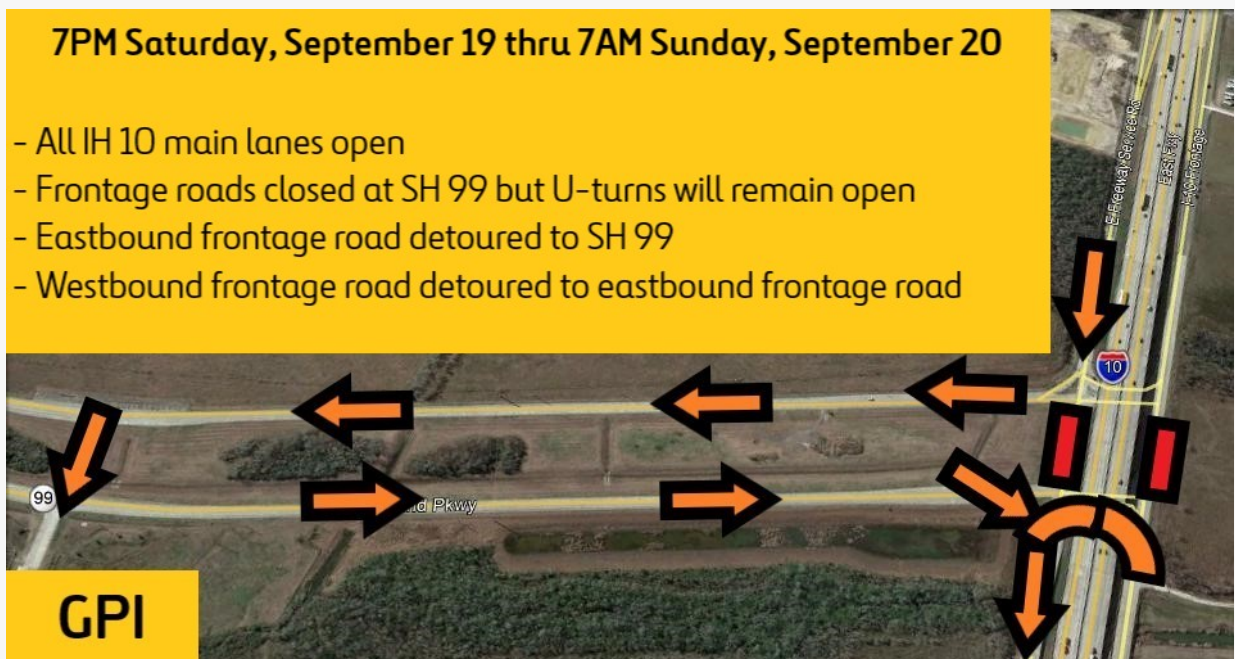
IH 10 Frontage Road Closures September 19, 2020



The Grand Parkway Infrastructure team recently set bridge beams over IH 10 main lanes to begin construction of the new SH 99 bridge that will travel over IH 10. This Saturday, September 19, the team is scheduled to set bridge beams over the eastbound and westbound frontage roads. The frontage roads will be closed 7PM Saturday thru 7AM Sunday. The construction of this new bridge will be performed in several stages as crews will need to set bridge beams, set deck panels, pour concrete, and other miscellaneous activities.

7PM Saturday, September 19 thru 7AM Sunday, September 20

- All IH 10 main lanes open
- Frontage roads closed at SH 99 but U-turns will remain open
- Eastbound frontage road detoured to SH 99
- Westbound frontage road detoured to eastbound frontage road



TRAFFIC ALERT: Major Weekend Closure I-69 Southwest Freeway at I-610 West Loop



As part of the I-610 West Loop/ I-69 Southwest Freeway interchange project, the Texas Department of Transportation will close all southbound mainlanes of I-69 Southwest Freeway at I-610 West Loop beginning **Friday, September 18 at 9 p.m. until Monday, September 21 at 5 a.m.**

Crews will be working to restripe the I-69 Southwest Freeway mainlanes at I-610 West Loop to shift the moving lanes of traffic.

There will be additional impacts during construction including the closure of various connector, entrance and exit ramps. These closures can be found at <https://traffic.houstontranstar.org/swz/i69i610/>. Motorists should expect delays and may want to consider an alternate route. Police officers will be onsite to assist with traffic control.

The I-69/I-610 interchange is a major connection point of two extremely busy highways serving the Greater Houston area. The \$259 million project will significantly enhance safety and improve mobility by widening the connector ramps to two lanes, increasing sight distances, and providing remedies to eliminate weaving.

The project has incentives and disincentives to encourage the contractor to complete various phases sooner than anticipated.

Additional road closure information will be posted at www.houstontranstar.org and at www.HOU610at69.com. Follow @HOU610at69 on Twitter for updates and more on this project.

Capitol Office Closure

The Capitol office will remain closed in line with suggested Stay Home, Work Safe guidelines. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter or district127.huberty@house.texas.gov.

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